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SUBJECT: GUADELOUPE VOLCANO ACTIVITY

1. SINCE YESTERDAY'S SMALLER ERUPTION, VOLCANIC ACTIVITY IN THE SOUFRIERE HAS LEVELLED OFF BUT THE CONSENSUS OF U.S. SCIENTISTS IN GUADELOUPE IS THAT AN ERUPTION IS IMMINENT. ACCURATE FORECASTS ARE, HOWEVER, DIFFICULT GIVEN THE INSUFFICIENT DATA ABOUT THE SOUFRIERE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A GOOD BASIS FOR PREDICTION. THE LOS ALAMOS LAB GROUP IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE THE SHIPMENT OF RADIOS AND TILT METER DEVICES WHICH HAVE NOT ARRIVED. URGE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS TO LOCATE AND EXPEDITE THE SHIPMENT.

2. MEANWHILE THE NUMBER OF U.S. CITIZENS IN GUADELOUPE HAS CONTINUED TO DECLINE AND THERE ARE PROBABLY NOT MORE THAN 90 TOURISTS ON ISLAND ALMOST ALL OF WHOM ARE AT ST. ANNE AND DESHAIES CLUB MEDS. WITH ABOUT 45 RESIDENTS THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF ABOUT 135 AMERICANS HERE ALL OF WHOM ARE WELL OUT OF THE IMMEDIATE DANGER AREA.
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